

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species III in the reply filed on 1/24/08 is acknowledged.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Leonard Holtz (Reg. No. 22,974) on May 20, 2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-7.

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 8-13** are allowed. These claims will be renumbered as 1-6.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record do not teach or suggest the claim limitation of a selector connected with each of input stages of the computing modules, the selector selectively choosing a data among from a targeted image data of the image processing, the data

indicating the computing parameter, and each of the output data of the output storage circuits, in accordance with the set value of the computing procedure stored in the computing procedure memory circuit, and outputting a chosen data to the computing module connected with rearward stages; wherein in the image forming device, by the image processing circuit, the image processing is conducted for an image data for test on the basis of the data of the computing parameter sent from the management device and the data of the set value indicating the computing procedure, and by the image forming unit, the image forming is conducted on the basis of the image data in which the image processing is conducted, and by an image read unit, a formed image is read, and by comparing a read image and a predetermined expected image, a comparison result is sent to the management device.

The features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art of record.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAN S. PARK whose telephone number is (571)272-7409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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